

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman would like to express his thanks to the community for coming together as one to help each other during these unprecedented times. Also to the owner and staff of The Onley for providing an additional village shop which proved to be a vital service to residents. Special thanks are also given to Bob Powers for the work undertaken every month on the village footpaths which has benefitted many during lockdown.

The Parish Council have now held two virtual meetings - one in July to approve and sign off the 2019-20 accounts prior to the deadline and the first full council meeting on the evening of 1 September. In line with current legislation, monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually for the foreseeable future.

In light of the continually changing regulations, this newsletter will not be printed and delivered to every household in the parish but will instead be available online - however, if you know of somebody who would prefer a hard copy or if you would like to receive it via email, please let us know and we will arrange this.



Land opp. Brooks Farm (Gladwish Land) -

The recent fly tipping incident escalated very quickly with the Chairman and Councillors in constant contact with adjoining landowners, BDC, the Police and the Environment Agency.

The Council wish to record their thanks to Mr. Thompson (BDC) for his quick response and assistance. Both BDC and the Environment Agency compiled evidence and this will be used to assist them in a prosecution of the people involved. Adjoining landowners were given permission by BDC to dig a 2m trench on their land to restrict access onto the site.

Letters were sent to James Cleverly, MP, and County and District Councillors and Mr. Cleverly had met with Council representatives and residents from both Stisted and Greenstead Green and has taken a number of actions away and agreed to respond by the end of September. A joint meeting with Greenstead Green Parish Council has taken place to put plans in place to work together.

Don't forget to bookmark our website: www.stisted-pc.co.uk
 And follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/stistedparishcouncil
 Contact us via email at stistedparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Amenity Vehicle (Dust Cart)



The Parish Council has booked the Dust Cart to come to the village on
Saturday 10 October
from 9:00-12:00

As usual the vehicle will be parked along the entrance to the Church.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): We politely ask that residents follow the social distancing guidelines and remain 2 meters away from crew members, who will collect the items from that distance to place them into the vehicle.

Any rubbish left prior to the vehicle arriving is not permitted and will be classed as fly tipping so please only bring your rubbish during the designated times stated above.

The following items will **NOT** be taken: White goods (i.e. cookers, fridge freezers, washing machines etc); Liquids (i.e. oil, paint etc); tyres; sheets of glass or asbestos.



Parish Council / Golf Club Joint Meeting

The Parish Council (PC) and Braintree Golf Course (BGC) met a number of weeks ago and had a very productive and positive meeting to discuss a number of ongoing issues. Both the PC and BGC would like to provide the following update:-

- We ask that villagers, where possible, stick to the designated footpaths as they walk around the golf course.
- It is recognised that a number of routes are taken by walkers that are not specific public footpaths, BGC is ok with this as long as individuals respect the requirements of BGC members.
- There has been concerns shown by villagers around pest control activities, especially during the lockdown period. BGC has reiterated the requirements of operating a safe system of work with their service provider who will put notification of upcoming activities on the Stisted Dog Walkers WhatsApp group. This will enable villagers to be aware of any planned activity.
- PC and BGC have agreed to review the signage around the golf course to help both members and walkers, any changes in approach will be agreed between the PC and BGC and will be communicated via official platforms.
- BGC will be informing all golf club members of the rights of the general public in terms of use of the footpaths
- We ask that dog walkers to please pick up all waste and take with them all poo bags as there has been incidents of waste being left on the course, please only put dog waste in the dog waste bins, not the general waste. The PC are looking to see if more dog waste bins can be provided.
- BGC has agreed to reduce the social membership rate for all villagers from £100 to £50 going forward.

It is recognised that the village is a better place for having the golf course and BGC provides a better service with the support of the village so it is in all of our interests to work together, and we would like to note that overall the partnership approach works well. We would like to thank villagers and members of the golf course for their ongoing commitment and mutual respect of each other. However, if any villagers have any concerns please do get in touch with the PC and we will continue to work together to find the best solution for all.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

We have been quiet recently. Lockdown has forced its own special set of inconveniences on us all, and of course the Neighbourhood Plan has suffered like everyone else. But behind the scenes we have still been making progress. We have received the draft versions of two of our commissioned reports and also the results of the housing needs assessment survey performed by RCCE on our behalf. It was our intention to have a public meeting to discuss these documents and any neighbourhood planning policies which could be derived from them but with the current 'rule of six' in play we have decided that it would be best to delay the public meeting until it is possible to hold it in more normal circumstances.

In the meanwhile, we will be making more use of the website and social media to keep parishioners abreast of developments. We are also planning to provide more regular updates via the parish magazine.

The Neighbourhood Plan website address is <https://stistednp.org.uk/> and you can contact us by email on info@stistednp.org.uk.



Reporting Road or Highways Issues to ECC

ECC carry out regular inspections of roads and pavements on our network, but know that issues may come up between these inspections. These could be potholes or other road surface issues, damaged street lights, overgrown trees or missing lit bollards. You can tell ECC about maintenance issues online by using their highways reporting tool.

<https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>

If you think there's a risk to public safety, do not report it online, please call ECC immediately on 0345 603 7631 or if you have hearing problems you can use the text phone service on 0345 758 5592.

What3Words App - If you have a Smartphone and have downloaded the What3Words app you can use this to accurately report road defects such as potholes or blocked gullies. At the site of the defect open the app and take a note of the 3 words assigned and these can then be recorded in the comments section of the online reporting tool. By doing this it will accurately take the Highways workers to the exact spot - saving time. The app has assigned a unique 3 word address that will never change to each 3m square in the world. The 3 word addresses are easy to say and share, and are as accurate as GPS coordinates.

BDC Online Report It Tool

Residents are able to report a wide range of items via the online BDC Report It tool such as fly tipping, abandoned vehicles and missed bin collections using the following address:

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200345/do_it_online/999/do_it_online/3

North Essex Local Plan (BDC)

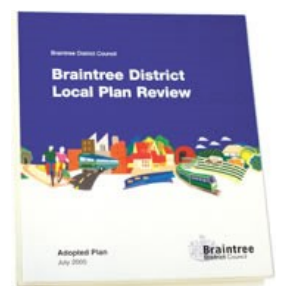
There are new proposed modifications to section 1 of the Braintree Local Plan. The public consultation for this is being held until and **9 October 2020**.

Available for consultation are; Schedule for the 47 Proposed Main Modifications, Associated Sustainability Appraisal and Associated Habitats Regulation Assessment. These documents can be found

at www.braintree.gov.uk/NEAMMS1 and in hard copy at Braintree Library.

For further details, please contact Emma Goodings of Braintree District

Council at planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk.



Cyber Security

Scammers are everywhere and no-one is safe from criminal online scams.

Cybercrime affects anyone who connects to the internet.

Always think twice about clicking onto a link as we cannot accept that what we see on screen is genuine. We have something of value which is our personal information: name, address, date of birth, passwords, email accounts and bank accounts - which all need protecting.

A phishing attack does not only arrive via email, it can also be made through a text message, social media or by a phone call - it is criminals trying to trick us into disclosing information online or clicking onto a malicious link.

Don't allow any access to your computer by anyone who you don't know and trust. Banks, Building Societies and other companies will never ask you to divulge a password. Be very careful when using public Wi-Fi networks not to log into your bank or anything that needs a password to get to a personal document.

Ten pieces of advice:

1. Use secure passwords - three random words strung together and update regularly;
2. Back up important documents in the cloud or on removable hard drives in care of a ransomware attack or emergency like fire or flood;
3. Use anti-virus software and firewalls on all devices connected to the internet which includes your mobile phone;
4. Do not ignore requests to update operating systems as updates increase security;
5. Reduce the information available to attackers on social media accounts;
6. Never click on links or attachments you have the slightest doubt about;
7. Watch out for signs of a cyber-attack or the presence of a virus, problems accessing files or a very slow internet connection could be the presence of a virus;
8. Never assume that a person who has sent you an email or text message is who they say they are;
9. Be cautious of a voicemail, email or text message asking you to make a payment or log in to an online account;
10. Make sure your email provider's spam filter is turned on.

Police advise to report suspicions of cybercrime to www.actionfraud.police.uk or on 0300 232040. Police want to assure us that they do use this information even if nothing appears to happen.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Stisted Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6 October - please note all meetings will be virtual until such time as legislation allows safe face to face meetings. The agenda will be posted on the website approximately a week before the meeting.